

Convegno finale progetto INHABIT

***Habitat e stato ecologico: risposta biologica a possibili misure di  
ripristino in fiumi e laghi italiani***

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**Invertebrati bentonici e carattere lenticolo-lotico dei  
fiumi: incertezza nella classificazione,  
accuratezza e valutazione dello stato ecologico**

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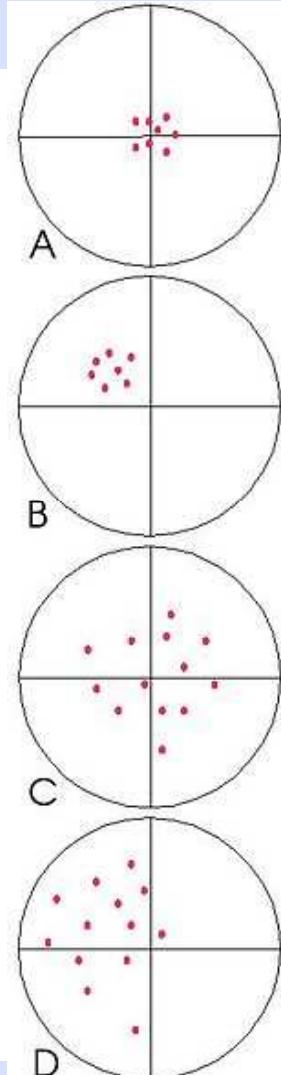
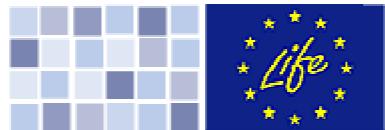
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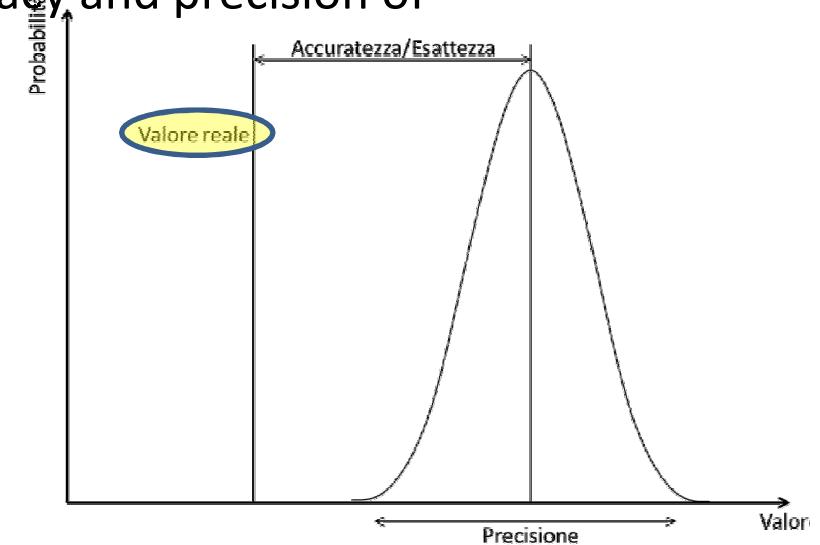
## WFD: uncertainty in estimating Ecological Status: what is really relevant?

### What about ‘uncertainty’ in defining reference conditions??

A conceptual example of accuracy and precision of a series of data (red dots).

- A- Precise and accurate
- B- Precise but not accurate
- C- Accurate but imprecise
- D- Not accurate nor precise

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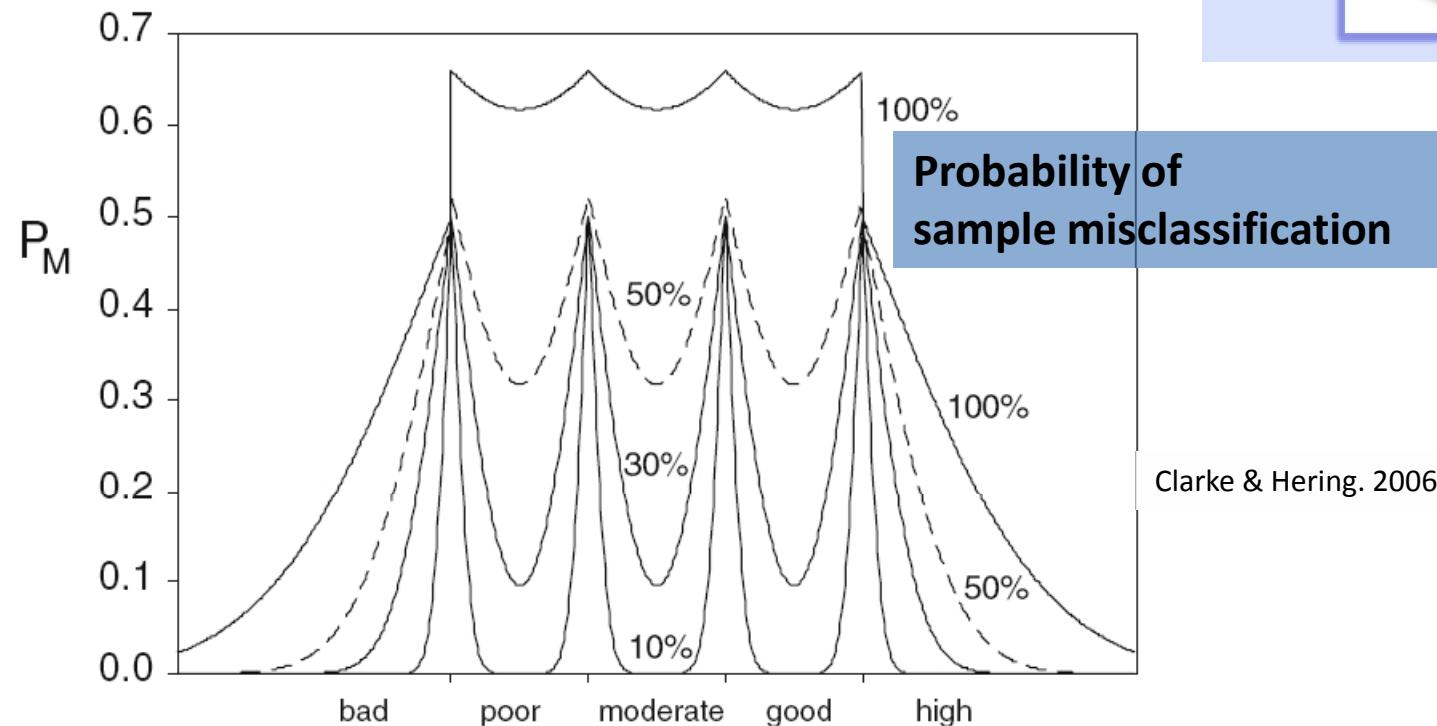
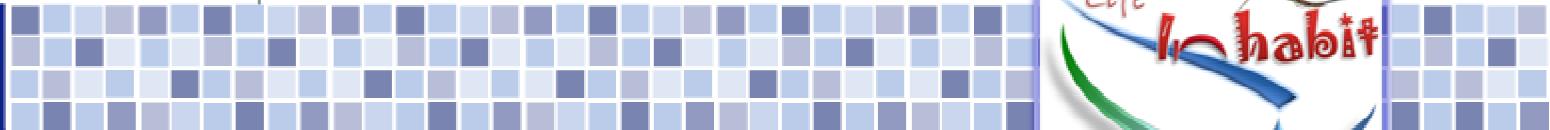
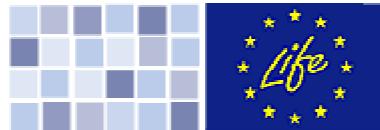


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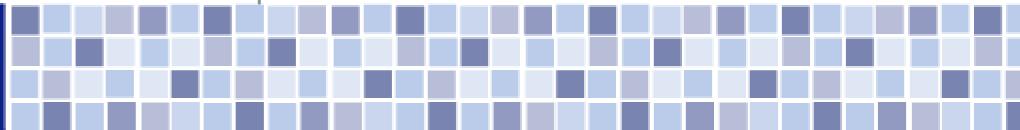
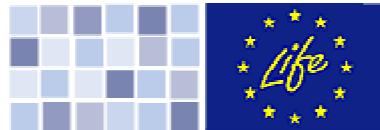
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Clarke & Hering. 2006. Hydrobiologia 566:433–439

*Figure 1.* Plot of the probability ( $P_M$ ) of classifying a site into a different status class versus its true Environmental Quality Ratio (EQR) value for a range of error/uncertainty standard deviations ( $\sigma$ ) in the observed sample EQR value. The EQR range has been divided into the five WFD classes (high, good, moderate, poor and bad) with the middle three classes each of width  $W$ . Plots are shown for  $\sigma = 10, 30, 50$  and  $100\%$  of  $W$ , where the broken line indicates the  $50\%$  plot.



**PRECISIONE** – caratteristica del metodo di misura  
grado di concordanza tra risultati di prova indipendenti  
ottenuti nelle condizioni stabilite (Ellison et al., 2000; ISS, 2000)

Clarke, 2004 - per metriche biologiche:

### **Incertezza nelle condizioni di riferimento**

$$\text{RefCondUncertainty} = \text{DEV.ST(REF\_samples)} / (\text{RADQ}(n\text{\_REF\_samples}))$$

### **Incertezza stimata sulla totalità di campioni raccolti**

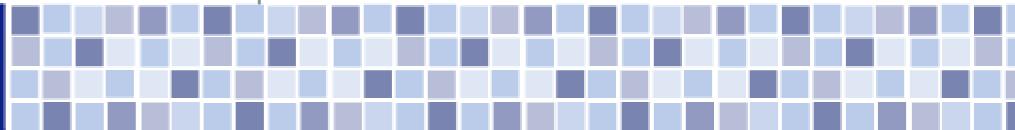
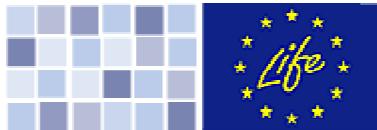
$$\text{Sampling SD} = (\text{RADQ}(0.223 * (\text{DEV.ST(ALL\_samples)}^2)))$$

CLARKE R. T., 2004. Error/Uncertainty module software STARBUGS - STAR Bioassessment Uncertainty Guidance Software. (Paper version of User Manual). 39pp.

ELLISON S. L. R., ROSSLEIN M. & WILLIAMS A. (Ed), 2000. Quantifying Uncertainty in Analytical Measurement. Second Edition. EURACHEM/CITAC Guide CG 4, 126 pp.

ISS, 2000. Quantificazione dell'incertezza nelle misure analitiche. Istituto Superiore di Sanità. Seconda edizione (2000) della Guida EURACHEM/CITAC CG 4, 128 pp.

**0.223:** valore medio da letteratura  
intersample variability/trattamento del campione



## Risultati coefficienti di variazione

>20 tipi fluviali considerati: Italia (nord, centro, sud, Sardegna) & Cipro

Media Sampling SD: **0.0867 ± 0.0295**

Media Refcond Uncert: **0.0259 ± 0.0071**

Valori Sampling SD indicativi  
dataset europei, varie metriche:

Clarke et al., 2006

**0.01 - 1**

Macrotipo	Mesohabitat	Sampling SD	RefCond Uncert	#campioni tot	#siti ref	#campioni ref
A1 - calcareo <sup>1</sup>	Generico	<b>0.0490</b>	<b>0.0387</b>	16	4	9
A2 - siliceo	Generico	0.0761	0.0239	620	32	149
C	Generico	<b>0.1620</b>	0.0257	168	6	26
M1	Pool	0.0855	0.0238	66	7	20
	Riffle	0.0821	0.0315	82	8	22
M2 <sup>2</sup>	Pool	0.0818	0.0278	96	10	28
	Riffle	0.0731	0.0278	112	11	30
M3 <sup>3</sup>	Art	0.1011	<b>0.0142</b>	228	-	20
	Pool	0.0551	0.0205	30	3	8
M4	Riffle	0.0744	0.0360	30	3	8
	Pool	0.1011	0.0353	141	-	43
M5	Riffle	0.0931	0.0249	71	15	21

<sup>1</sup> per macrotipo A1 - Area alpina geologia calcarea: valori indicativi calcolati su un limitato numero di campioni.

<sup>2</sup> per macrotipo M2: dati non disponibili, valori calcolati come media dei valori dei macrotipi mediterranei M1 e M4.

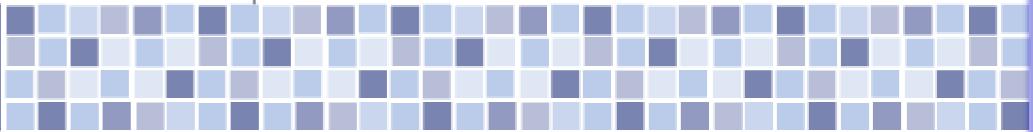
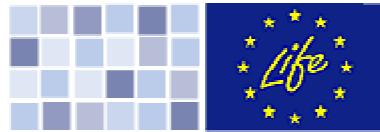
<sup>3</sup> per macrotipo M3: grandi fiumi, valori relativi al fiume Po, campionamento effettuato mediante substrati artificiali.

CLARKE R. T., LORENZ A., SANDIN L., SCHMIDT-KLOIBER A., STRACKBEIN J., KNEEBONE N. T. & HAASE P., 2006. Effects of sampling and sub-sampling variation using the STAR-AQEM sampling protocol on the precision of macroinvertebrate metrics. Hydrobiologia 566: 441-459.

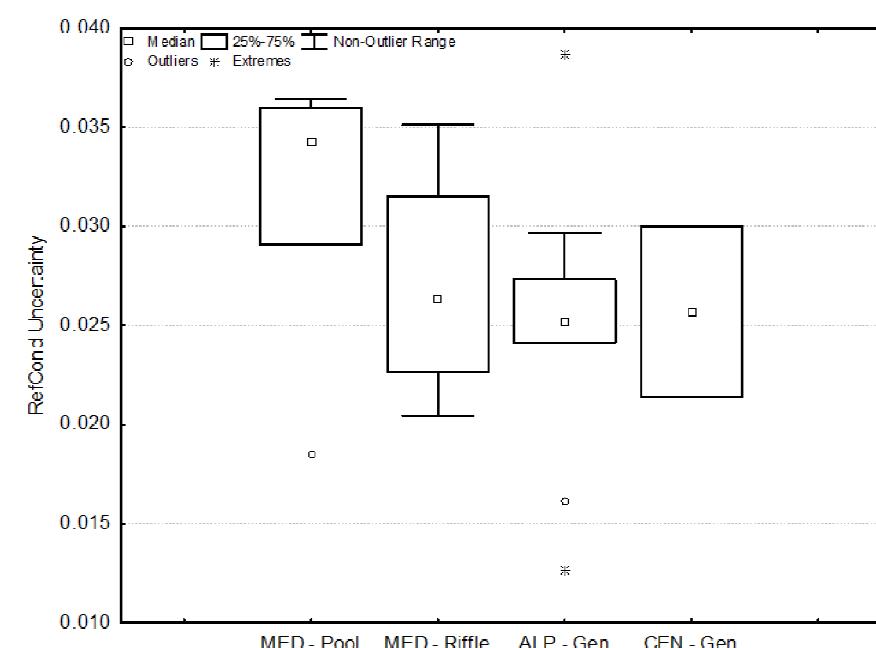
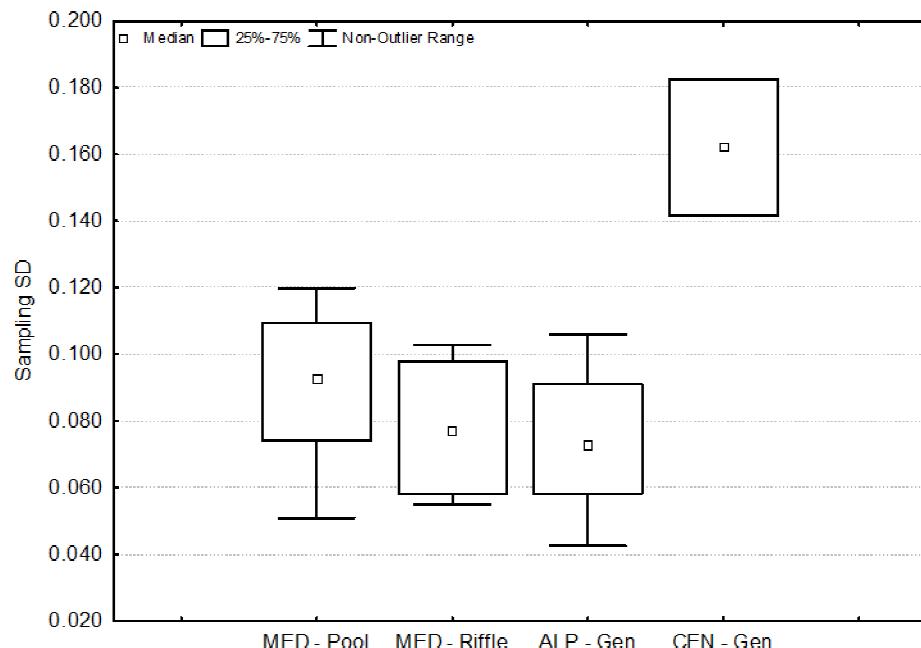
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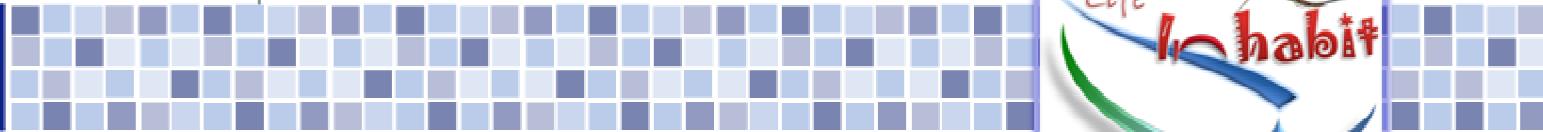
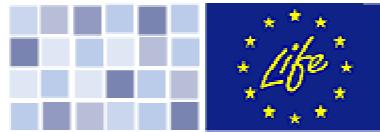


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## Distribuzione valori coefficienti variazione dei campioni complessivi e incertezza delle condizioni di riferimento Per MACROAREE





## Da Coefficienti di variazione:

Calcolo dell'incertezza nelle stime della classe di qualità:



Percentuale  
classi di stato

livello cumulativo probabilità stato HG (alto: >75%, medio: 75-40%, basso: <40%)

## Software 'STARBUGS 1.2'

(Clarke, 2005)

- Piemonte - 01SS2

- Piemonte - 06SS2

- Sardegna

- Alto Adige 03SS

CLARKE R. T., 2005. STARBUGS (STAR Bioassessment Uncertainty Guidance Software). Release 1.2 (July 2005).

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Piemonte, 06SS2

Cod. Stazione	Data	w	u	$\sigma^2$	livello di probabilità stato basso o elevato MNV						
P06SS2_457	13/02/2009	0.636	3	1.4	26.5	58.4	13.6	0.2	27.9	0	basso
P06SS2_458	19/05/2009	0.748	2	7.1	50.4	39.6	2.9	0	57.5	0	medio
P06SS2_459	22/09/2009	0.712	3	4.6	42.7	47.7	5	0.1	47.3	0	medio
P06SS2_460	30/07/2009	0.392	4	0	0.9	26	59	14.1	0.9	0	basso
P06SS2_461	23/10/2009	0.48	3	0.1	4.5	46.5	44.4	4.5	4.6	0	basso
P06SS2_462	11/02/2009	0.883	2	29.5	57.1	13.2	0.2	0	86.6	0	alto
P06SS2_463	14/05/2009	0.792	2	12.3	57.2	29	1.6	0	69.5	0	medio
P06SS2_464	03/09/2009	0.971	1	53.5	42.7	3.8	0.1	0	96.2	0	alto
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P06SS2_478	27/01/2010	0.932	2	43.1	49.6	7.3	0.1	0	92.7	0	alto
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P06SS2_482	11/06/2010	0.48	3	0	4.6	44.3	46.5	4.5	4.6	0	basso
P06SS2_483	16/09/2010	0.643	3	1.5	28.1	57.4	12.8	0.2	29.6	0	basso
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P06SS2_486	20/09/2010	0.952	2	47.6	47.3	5	0	0	94.9	0	alto
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P06SS2_495	24/06/2010	0.815	2	16.1	58.2	24.9	0.9	0	74.3	0	medio
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P06SS2_494	17/03/2010	0.998	1	60.7	36.5	2.8	0	0	97.2	0	alto
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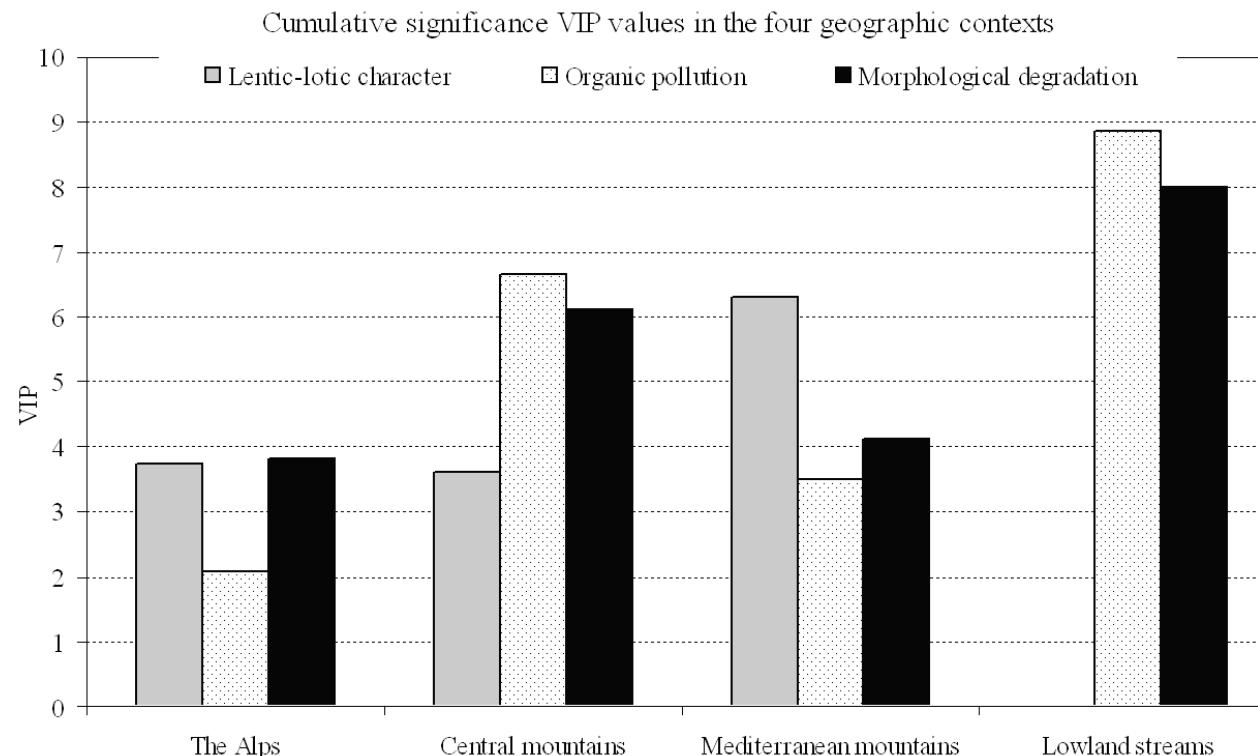
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# Habitat information for Ecological status: is that useful??



## INHABIT: the main theme

- Relative importance of different pressures (stressors) in European rivers
- HMS: Morphological degradation; OPD: Physiochemical pollution
- The contribution of the Lentic-lotic River Descriptor (LRD)



Buffagni A., Erba S. & Armanini D.G.  
2010. The lentic–lotic character of  
Mediterranean rivers and its  
importance to aquatic invertebrate  
communities *Aquatic sciences*.

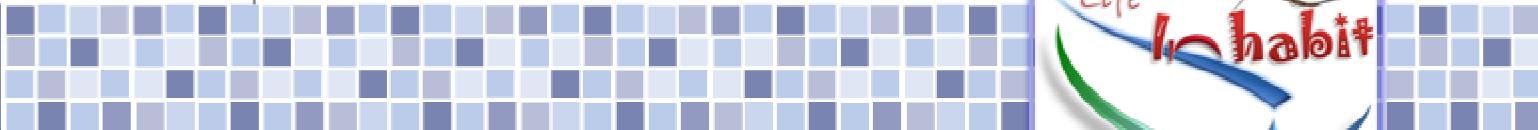
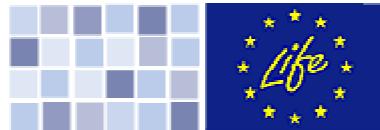
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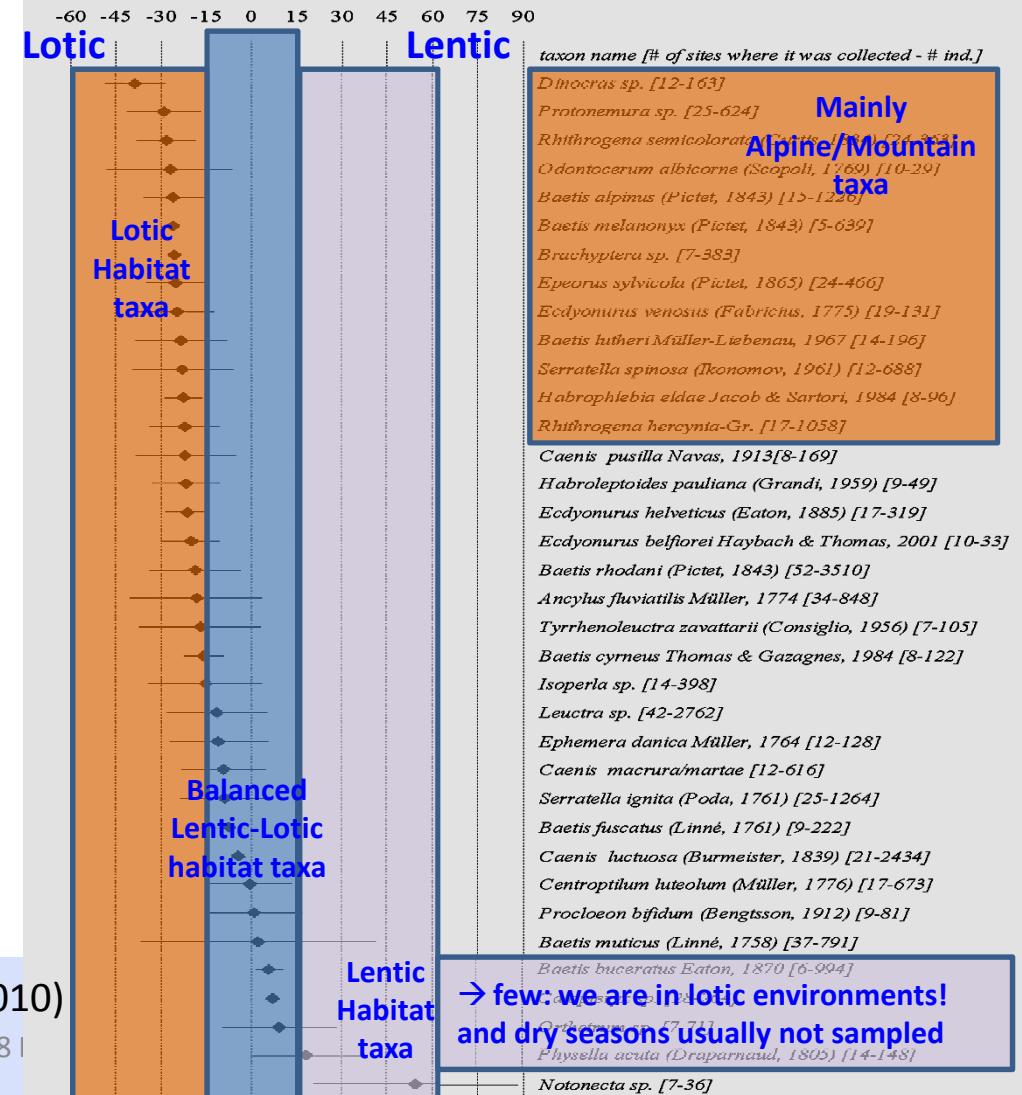
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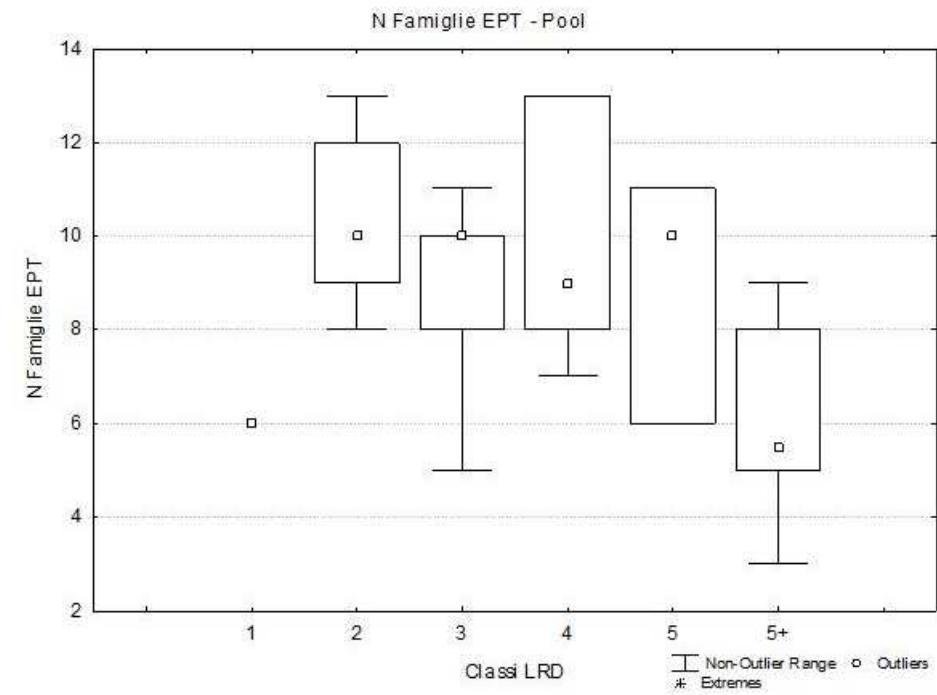
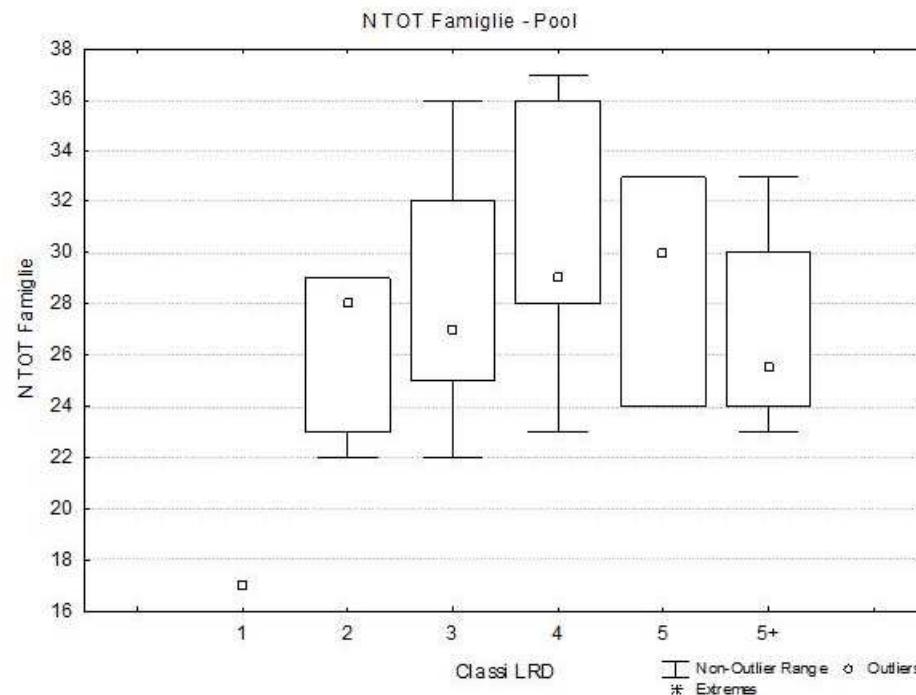
## Response of invertebrate taxa to the lentic-lotic character - LRD



## The contribution of Habitat-oriented methods Quantifying natural variability



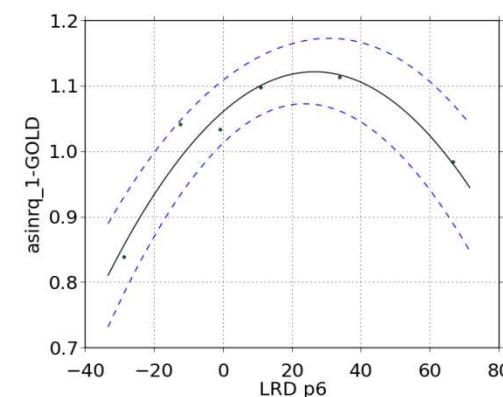
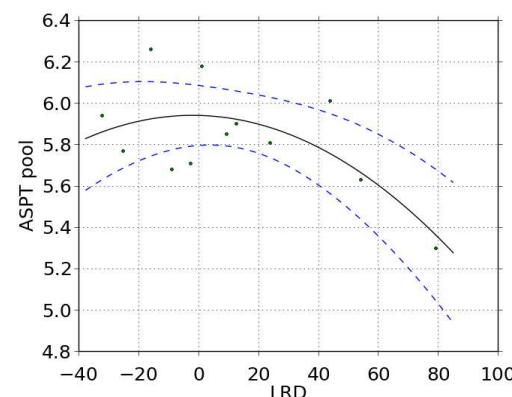
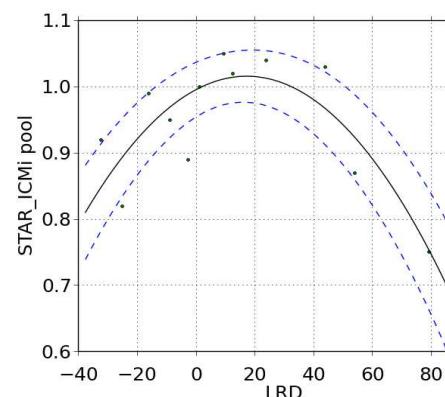
Assessment of natural variability (only REF/slightly perturbed sites), benthic metrics  
Sardinia Med rivers



## Influence of habitat on invertebrate metrics:

### LRD (river stretch)

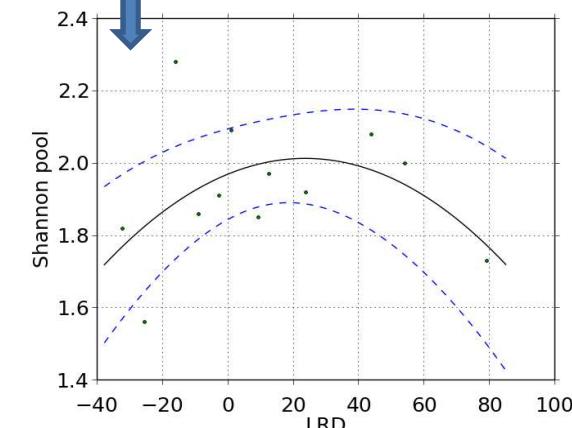
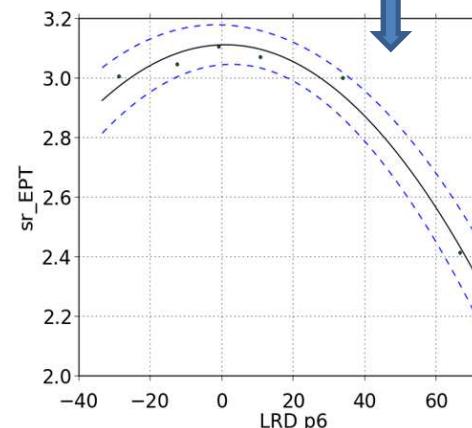
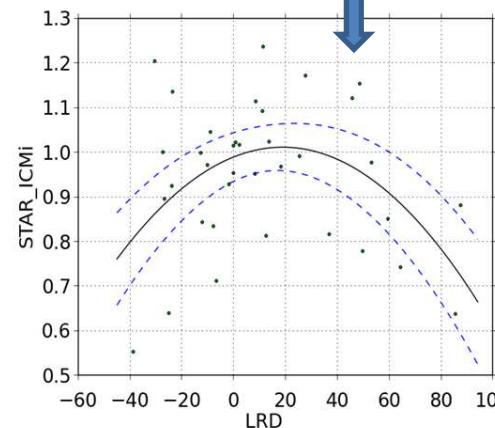
		STAR_ICMi	ASPT	n_FAM <sup>2</sup>	n_EPT <sup>2</sup>	1-GOLD <sup>3</sup>	Shannon	log(SelEPTD+1)
'Pool' mesohabitat / Sardinia REF&slightly perturbed sites (REF RAS)	STAR_ICMi							
	all samples (n=36)	0.048 * 9.9	0.017 * <b>20.9</b>	0.045 * 10.3	0.003 *** <b>71.6</b>	0.020 * <b>19.1</b>	0.342 NS 1.6	0.060 (*) <b>8.3</b>
LRD <sup>1</sup> (Reach scale, 500 m)	p	0.025	<b>0.006</b>	0.066	<b>0.002</b>	0.006	0.223	0.319
	sl	*	**	(*)	***	**	NS	NS
	r	-1.1	-0.8	-0.7	-1.3	-0.8	1.3	1.8
							0.05	0.12
							0.4	-0.1
							3.5	29.9

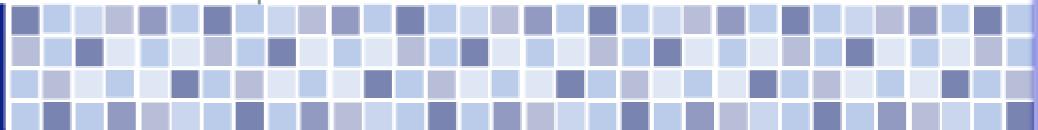
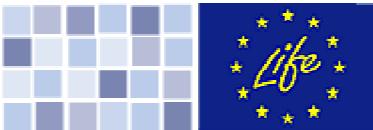


## Habitat control on biota: Lentic-Lotic character - Summary



'Pool' mesohabitat / Sardinia REF&slightly perturbed sites		STAR_ICMi	STAR_ICMi	ASPT	sr_FAM	sr_EPT	arcsin sr_1-GOLD	Shannon	log(srEPTD+1)
		all samples						NS	
LRD	p	0.025	0.006	0.017	0.002	0.003	0.020	0.319	0.060
(Reach scale, 500 m)	sl	*	**	*	***	***	*	NS	(*)
F		4.1	9.8	20.9	14.3	71.6	19.1	1.3	8.3
R-sq adj		0.15	0.61	0.89	0.71	0.97	0.88	0.05	0.74
AIC		-0.9	-2.6	-2.4	-0.7	-2.9	-3.6	-0.4	-1.5
F/ass_AIC		4.8	3.8	8.7	19.4	24.5	5.3	3.5	5.6



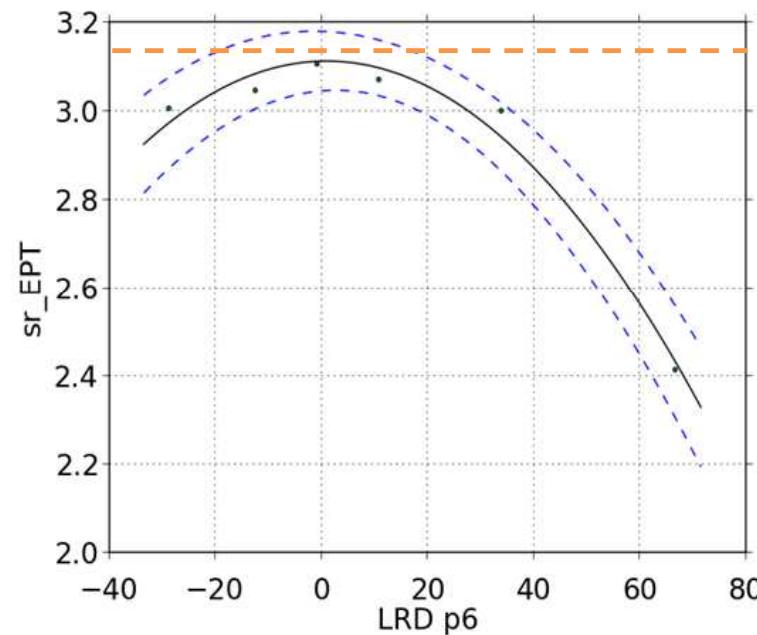


## What about accuracy in Ecological Status classification ??

REF value

EPT: 10 ( $3.16^2$ )

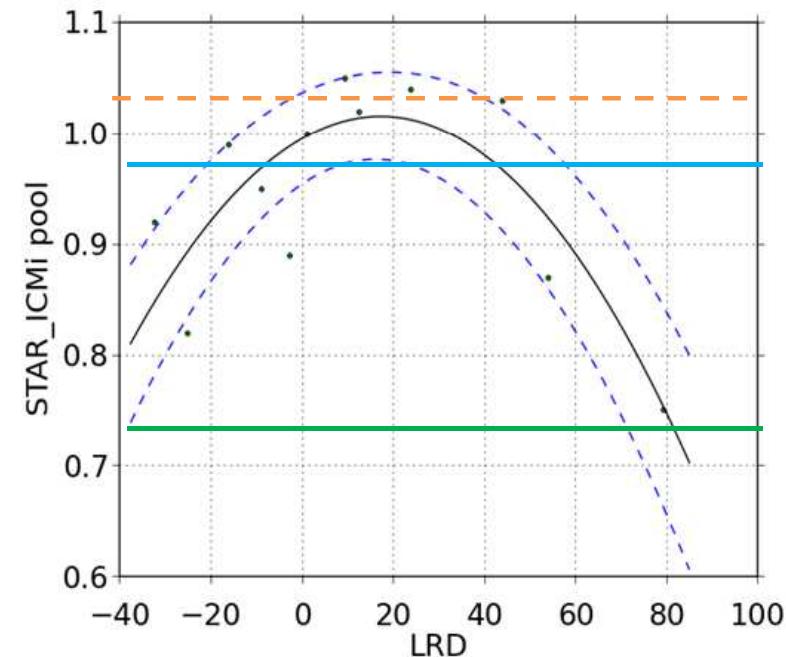
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Class boundaries (Italy – R-M5)

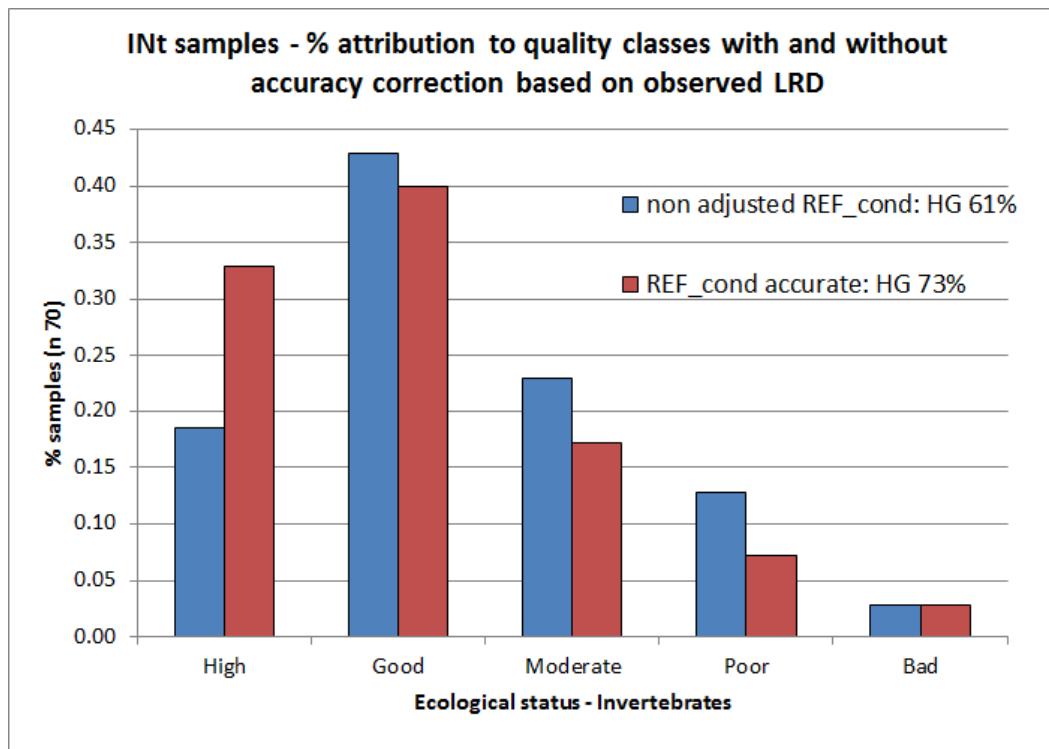
HG: 0.97

GM: 0.73





## Modifica livello probabilità attribuzione classi dopo affinamento condizioni di riferimento (correzione accuratezza su habitat - LRD)



Proportion of samples allocated to each Ecological Status class for sites of the INT type. Results are shown both for the 'rough' classification (i.e. overall, single value reference conditions) and 'accuracy-corrected' (i.e. reference conditions as before as a starting point and then reckoned by looking at the lentic-lotic conditions observed at the site when sampling).



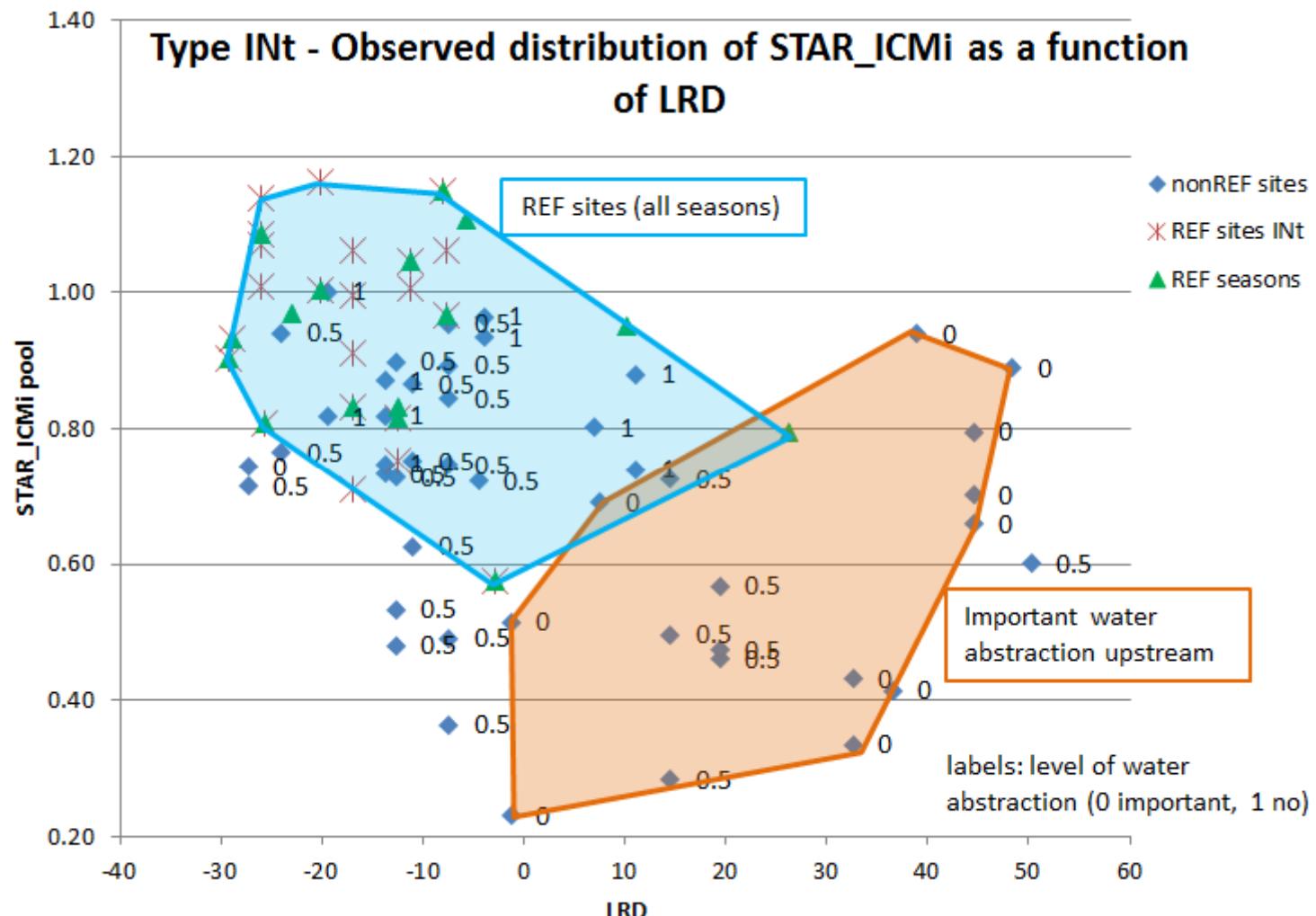
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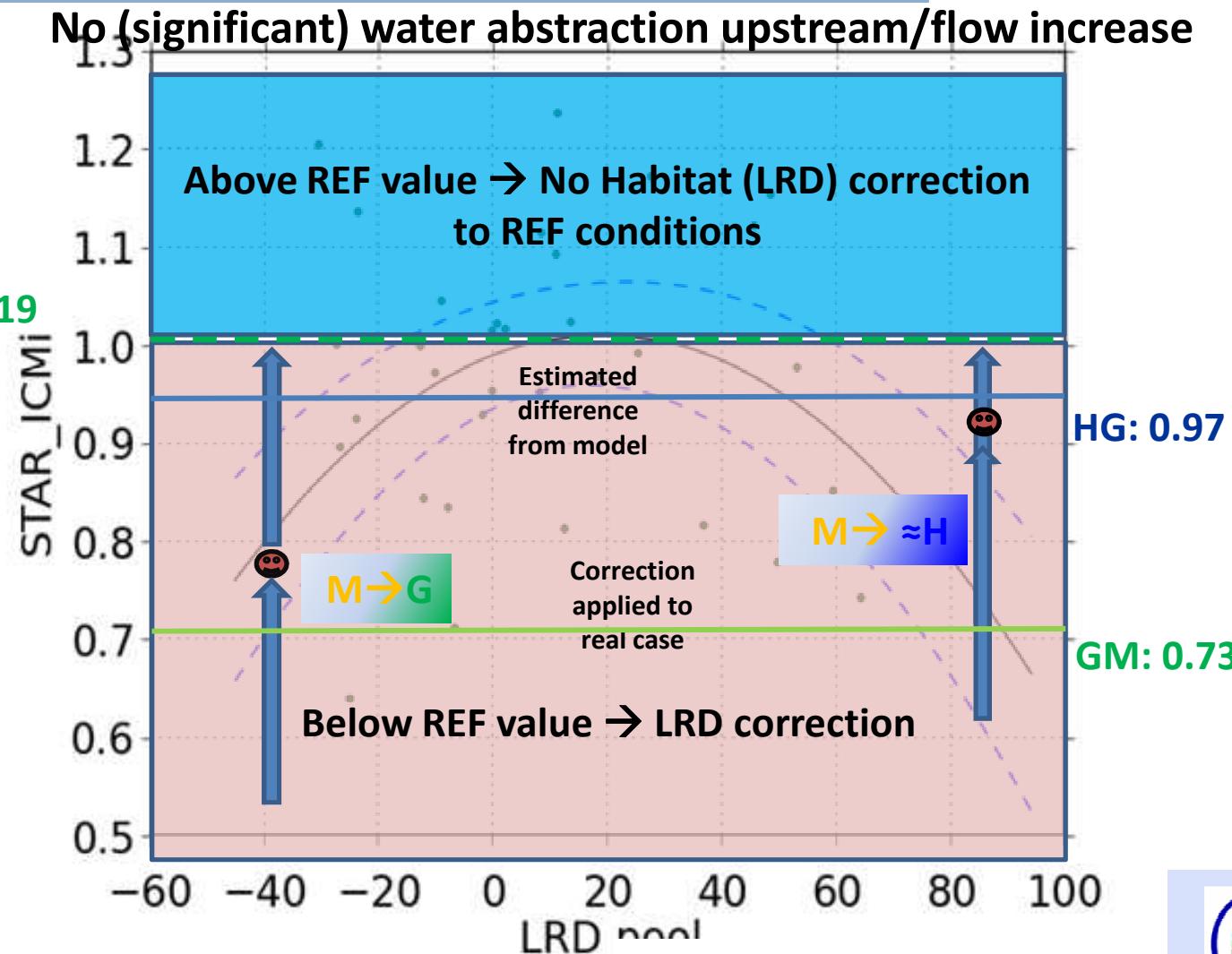


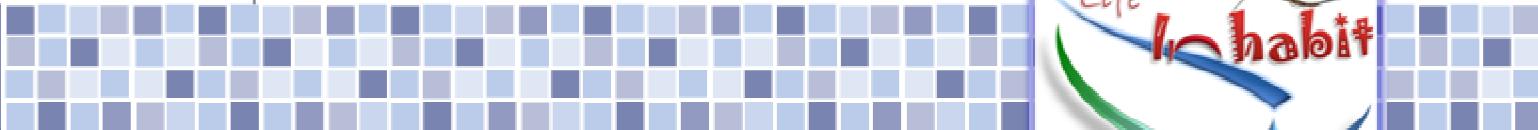
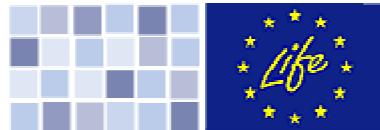
## Direct use of Habitat information Modeling reference conditions

No (significant) water abstraction upstream/flow increase

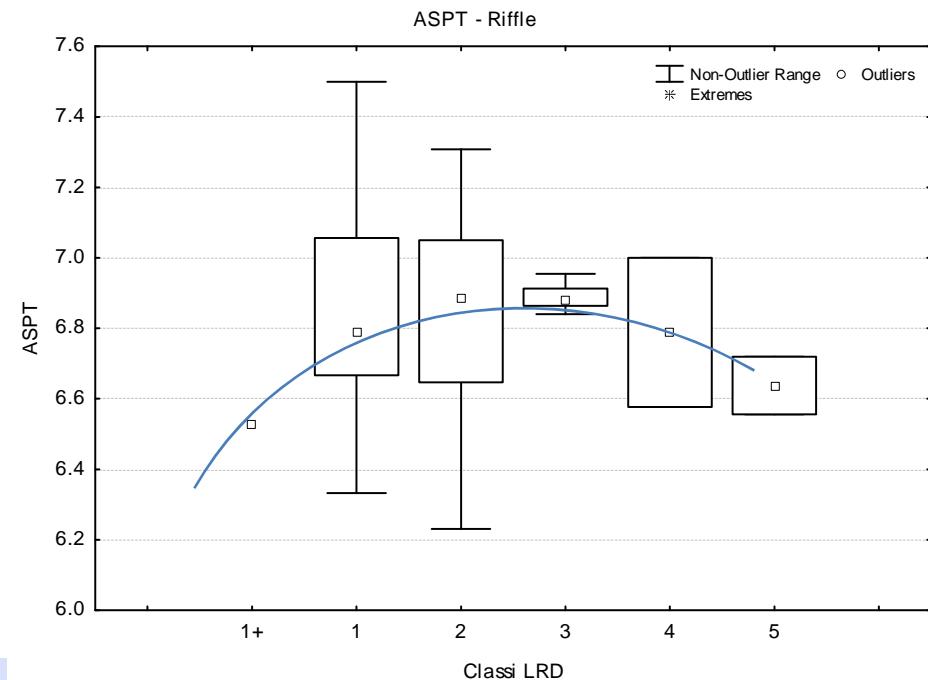
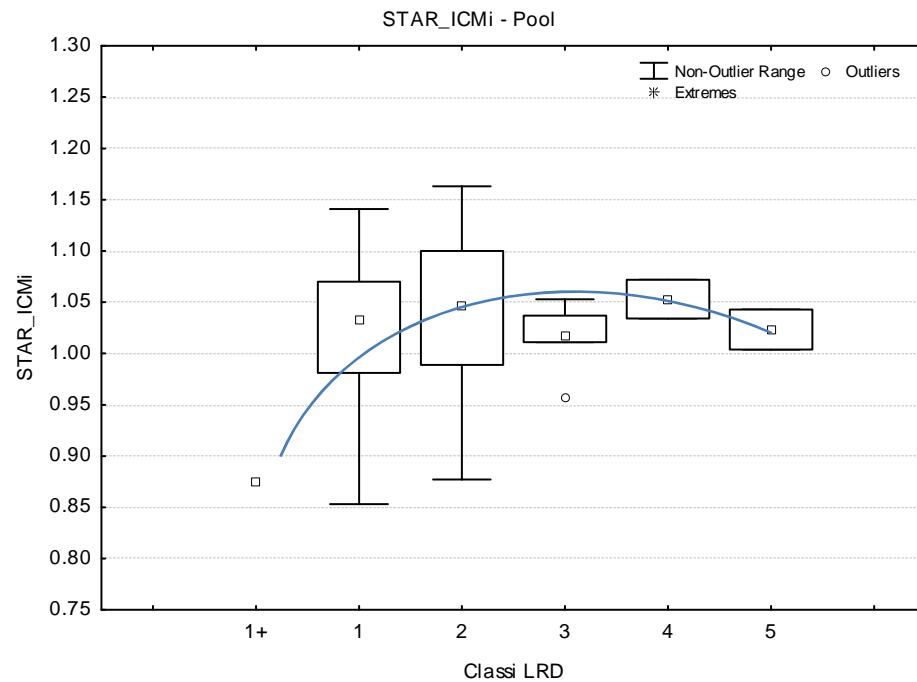
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e.g. different sites in the same area, type, season, year

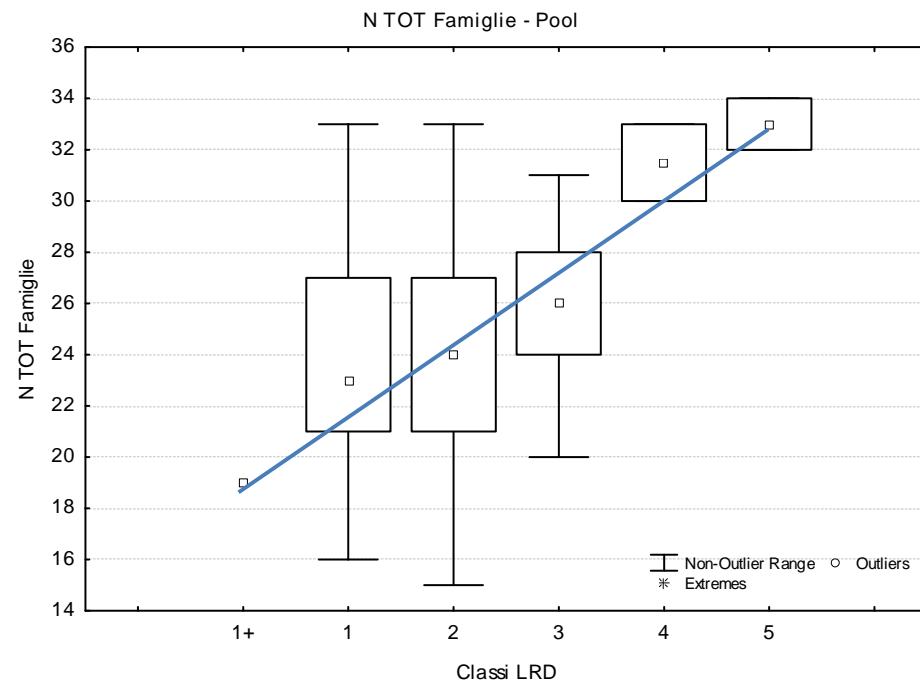
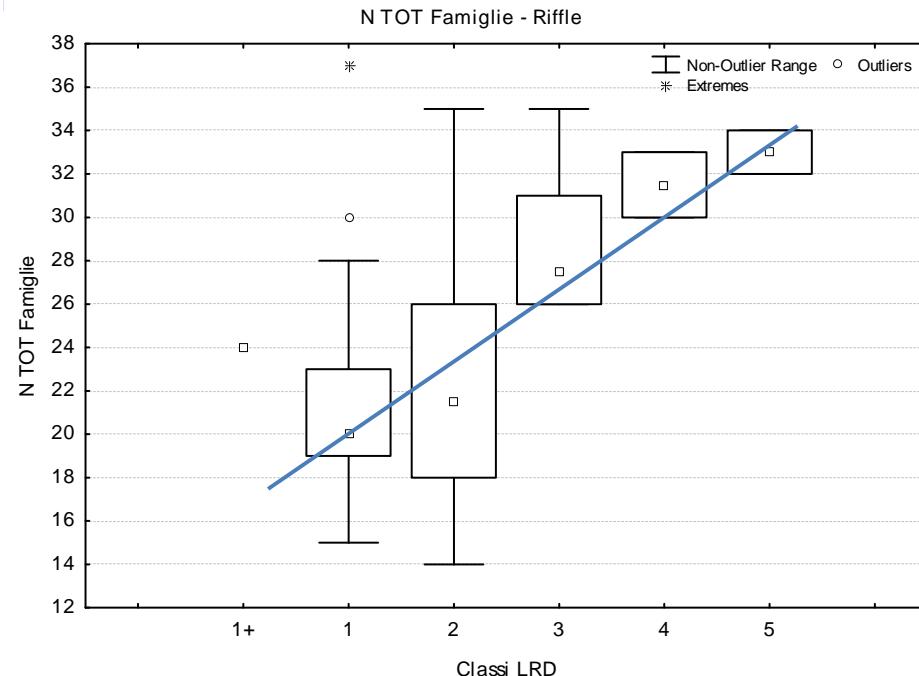
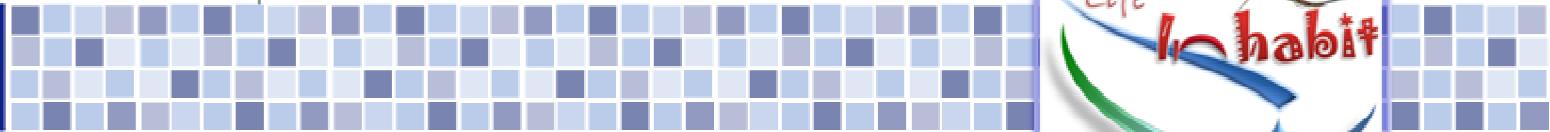
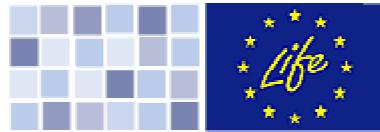




## Fiumi non mediterranei (Piemonte): è tutto diverso?



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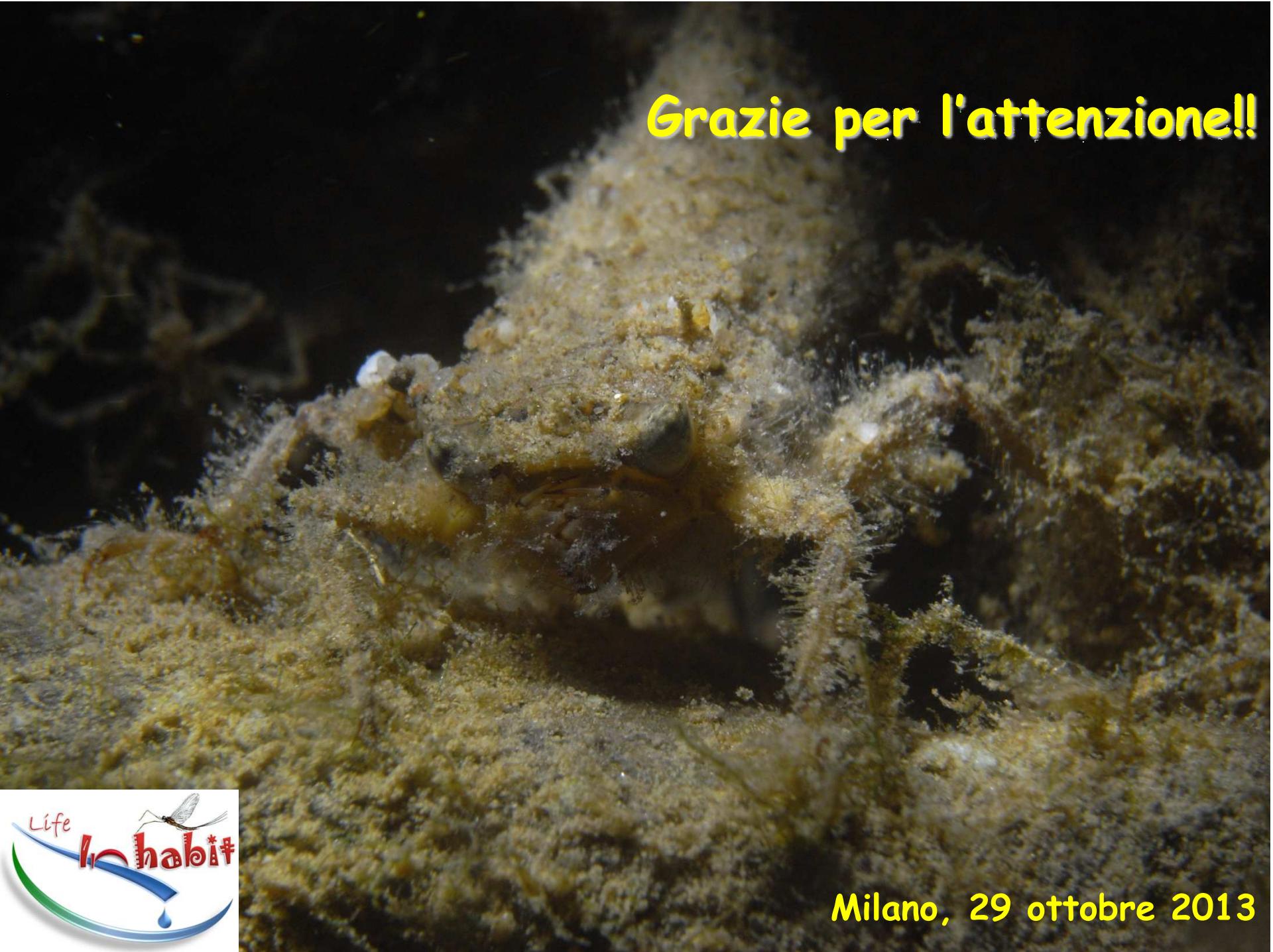
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## Alcune conclusioni di INHABIT – aspetti Habitat/biota e classificazione



- L'incertezza della classificazione legata alla precisione della misura può essere facilmente quantificata → gli effetti attesi sulla classificazione finale sono nell'ordine del ± 10%
- Esiste un'importante influenza delle caratteristiche di habitat sulle comunità.
- Il carattere lento-lotico è direttamente correlato alla variabilità delle metriche biologiche e influenza gli indici biologici utilizzati nella classificazione.
- L'accuratezza complessiva dei metodi di classificazione in uso può quindi essere scarsa → È opportuna una correzione nei sistemi di classificazione sulla base delle caratteristiche di habitat: è possibile definire semplici relazioni tra LRD e metriche biologiche.
- Le caratteristiche di habitat saranno da considerare per la ridefinizione delle condizioni di riferimento → i.e. RefCond Tipo+Sito specifiche
- 'Correzione di accuratezza' → effetti sulla classificazione finale fino a + 30%



Grazie per l'attenzione!!



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